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RE: EDEExpress for Windows 2001-2002, Version 7.2.1

Dear EDEExpress Users:

We are pleased to announce the availability of EDEExpress for Windows 2001-2002, Version 7.2.1. This release resolves issues present in the current release of EDEExpress for Windows, Version 7.2 pertaining to the Direct Loan module. The details of this change are located in the "Issues Fixed in EDEExpress, Version 7.2.1." section.

How to Obtain the Software and Documentation

We are distributing EDEExpress for Windows 2001-2002, Version 7.2.1 via the Internet. You can download the software and the related user documentation from the SFAdownload Web site, located at **SFAdownload.ed.gov**.

The "Downloading Software/Paper Documentation" chapter of the *EDEExpress for Windows 2001-2002 Installation Guide* provides complete installation instructions.

If you have trouble opening the SFAdownload Web site or have difficulty in downloading EDEExpress for Windows, Version 7.2.1 software, call CPS/WAN Technical Support at **800/330-5947** to request diskettes.

Note: Some organizations restrict their users from downloading from FTP sites. You may want to contact your technical support staff to obtain full FTP download rights.

If You Have Technical Support and Policy Questions

If you have SFA technical support questions and subscribe to SFATECH, you can post e-mail on the SFATECH listserv located at:

www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/sfatech/listserv.html

Make sure you include the name of your organization and your telephone number in your message. Department staff or contractors for the system about which you have a question will see your posting and begin preparing a response.

If you have questions regarding EDEExpress for Windows such as installation issues, software problem resolution, software functionality, and technical assistance, you can call CPS/WAN Technical Support. You can reach them Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (CT), at **800/330-5947**. You can also e-mail inquiries, comments, or suggestions 24 hours a day to **CPSWAN@NCS.COM**. A representative will respond within 24 hours.

Issues Fixed in EDEExpress, Version 7.2.1

Printing Master Promissory Notes

EDEExpress checks for the presence of the ISIR MPN Indicator at the point of originating a loan to determine if the loan can be linked to an existing MPN.

If the ISIR MPN Indicator is A (Valid MPN on file at the LOC), EDEExpress correctly sets the MPN status to T (School Assumes MPN Exists) indicating that there is no need to print a MPN at this time. The school then sends the origination record to the LOC.

However, if the LOC determines that for this student a currently valid MPN is not on file, it returns an Origination Acknowledgement with a MPN status of P (No MPN on file). At this point the user would use EDEExpress to print the MPN.

Then EDEExpress software would look again for the presence of the ISIR MPN Indicator and incorrectly reset the MPN status to T (School Assumes MPN Exists), when the software should first look for the LOC status of P (No MPN on file) and allow for the printing of a MPN. This issue has been corrected in this release.

In another scenario, if a query that does not have the field Prom Note Status as part of the criteria is used to select which Promissory notes (Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and PLUS) to print in batches, the query was selecting Promissory notes with any status rather than just promissory notes with a status of R (Ready) . This meant that EDEExpress reprinted the notes and set the status to P (Printed) even if the note had already been signed, manifested or accepted. This issue has also been corrected in this release.

Also, if a query was used to print a MPN for a Subsidized loan and an Unsubsidized loan for a student, EDEExpress would print one MPN for the Subsidized loan and one for the Unsubsidized loan. In this release, EDEExpress now correctly prints one MPN for both loans.

External Import of Disbursements

EDEExpress will now allow two separate disbursements for the same Loan ID to be imported using an external change file (DIEC02OP). Previously, no disbursements were added, and an error message was only generated for one of the disbursements.

The following business rules apply when creating the external change file:

1. Only one actual disbursement transaction per disbursement number per Loan ID is allowed. (If you have an actual and an adjustment for the same Loan ID, you must import with two separate files.)
2. If an optional disbursement field, such as the Actual First Disbursement Change Flag (D008), is part of the disbursement record, it needs to be included before at least one of the four required disbursement fields in the single change record in order for EDEExpress to accept the disbursement record.

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